

PRISON/JAIL POPULATION COST ESTIMATE STATEMENT
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1073

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE A SEX OFFENDER TO REPORT A CHANGE IN VEHICLE
STATUS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

A prison/jail population cost estimate statement has been requested on HB 1073 due to the penalty in section 1.

HB 1073 adds an additional sex offender reporting requirement to § 22-24B-2. A violation of this new reporting requirement is a Class 6 felony.

At present, there are 38 inmates in prison for sex offender registry violations with 9 of those inmates serving time for crimes committed under § 22-24B-2. Currently there are three reporting requirements under § 22-24B-2. Therefore, there are an average 3 inmates in prison at any given time for each of the existing reporting requirements. The weighted cost per prison day for a Class 6 felony is \$38.84. Assuming that the addition of a fourth reporting requirement in HB 1073 will yield 3 inmates, the annual prison cost is \$42,530 and the prison cost over a 10 year period is \$425,300. The data also shows that individuals are less likely to go to jail for this type of violation, and will spend less time in jail, but at a greater cost. When these factors are all taken into account, the resulting jail impact is \$19,470 per year, or \$194,700 over 10 years.

The additional reporting requirement in HB 1073 could also have an impact on second or subsequent convictions under § 22-24B-12.1. However, the impact to prison or jail populations is estimated to be low.

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